

Florence, New Jersey
July 6, 2005

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by President Fratinardo at 8:00 PM. President Fratinardo led the Salute to the Flag.

The Township Clerk read the following statement: "Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was published in the Burlington County Times on January 2, 2005 and January 16, 2005; given to the Register News for information. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board."

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

John Fratinardo, President
Frank Baldorossi
Bruce Garganio
Elizabeth Ryan
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

Michael Muchowski, Mayor; Richard Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; William Kearns, Township Solicitor; Joy Weiler, Township Clerk

MINUTES

Ryan made a MOTION; seconded by Sandusky to approve the following minutes. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Regular Session June 1, 2005 and June 15, 2005
Executive Session June 8, 2005
Closed Session June 1, 2005; June 8, 2005 and June 15, 2005

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Ryan; seconded by Garganio to receive and file the Chief of Police's report and the Township Clerk's report for June. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Ryan made a MOTION; seconded by Garganio to approve the Treasurer's Bill List. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

A. SOCIAL AFFAIR: American Legion Post 194, August 13, 2005, 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve the above application.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Kamienski, 10 Mc Cay Drive, discussed the parking area in front of the Florence Post Office. He asked Council to consider removing the signs and painting the curbs for better parking. Administrator Brook will have a sketch prepared for the Worksession. Mayor Muchowski suggested lining the parking spaces.

Dr. Bob Kahrman, 52 Trainor Circle, has lived in the township for a month and a half, discussed an issue to do with the Postal Service. In his development the Postal Service has decided, on some of the streets, to put all of the mailboxes on one side of the street. Since this is an age-restricted development older residents will have to cross the street to get their mail, which is unsafe. Dr. Kahrman spoke with the Bordentown Post Office to no avail. A petition has also been sent to the Post Master and Congressman Chris Smith. He asked for Mayor and Council's help. Mayor Muchowski asked for a copy of the petition. Council President Fratinardo agrees that it could be a problem in years to come as the residents get older and would like the township to send a letter to the Postmaster and Congressman Smith. Council in agreement to send letter.

Council Vice President Ryan asked that a meeting be requested, which she would like to attend. She lives in a nearby development, which is also routed through Bordentown's Post Office. She would like to inquire about the process of having the mail routed through Florence's Post Office.

Administrator Brook will send a letter along with a copy of the petition on behalf of Mayor and Council.

Mayor and Council thanked Dr. Kahrman for coming in this evening.

Tom Stanuikynas, 15 Third Avenue, discussed the poor level of service of the traffic signal at the intersection of Old York Road and Florence Columbus Road. Problems occur when vehicles going southbound on Old York Road turn left onto Florence Columbus Road. He asked if the Township could contact the County to resolve the timing issue of the lights. Mayor Muchowski stated that the intersection is slated by the County to become a full 4-way intersection with the widening of the intersection, which will allow for left hand turn movements in each direction. Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that the County is still in the process of acquiring one property as well as working through an open space issue on another property. He explained that the existing intersection queues by camera, which has had problems that the County is aware of. They are hesitant to put any money into it because there will be a major infrastructure change.

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Due to the large volume of traffic, Council Member Garganio asked that a letter be sent to the County asking that the problems be addressed. Mayor Muchowski stated that the solar mileage indicator on Delaware Avenue does not always work and asked to advise the County in the letter asking that it be operable before the school year begins. Council Member Garganio asked that the County be advised of the new school and request a solar mileage indicator for Cedar Lane, also.

Mr. Kamienski discussed the traffic light at Route 130 and Cedar Lane. That is controlled by DOT not the County. With the building of the new school, Council will be addressing that intersection.

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, questioned the status of the new drug store on the corner of Route 130 and Delaware Avenue. Council Member Garganio believes that there is a conflict between the developer and the company. It will be a drug store but may not be the same one that was originally proposed.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, MOTION by Ryan; seconded by Sandusky to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-138

2005 NON-UNION SALARY RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-139

AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF CERTAIN TAX OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-140

CANCEL CERTAIN GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL APPROPRIATION BALANCES

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-141

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87
CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-142

**AUTHORIZE REFUND
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES
Block 119, Lot 9**

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Ryan that Resolutions 2005-138 through 2005-142 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinaro

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carries.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2005-16
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN
OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance No. 2005-16 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council President Fratinaro opened the meeting to the public for comments at this time.

None at this time.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to close the public hearing.
All ayes – motion carried.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinaro

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Council President Fratinardo reported that COAH was discussed at the last Planning Board meeting. The Board discussed requiring developers to have COAH units within the development. The Planner felt it could be done through the Planning Board and not be subject to a builders remedy suit.

Mayor Muchowski

- Mayor Muchowski asked Assistant Administrator Sahol to give an overview of Saturday's Patriotic Celebration events:

- 8:00 AM Registration for 5k walk at the Roebling Park and Ride
- 9:00 AM Walk/Run/Jog step off
- 10:45 AM Gather at the American Legion on Fourth Avenue – escort the Color Guard to the circle at Fifth Avenue and Main Street
- 11:00 AM Flag Raising ceremony at the Roebling circle
- 12:00 PM Parade steps off at noon from Holy Assumption School down Hornberger Avenue to Second Avenue to Main Street down to Tenth Avenue – Parade participants are invited to refreshments at the VFW – Judges are members of the Florence Historical Society and Roebling Historical Society – the Township Clerk will announce the parade at 4th and Main
- 7:00 PM Concert begins at the Roebling Park – Parking areas with signage discussed – shuttle service will be available
- 9:10 PM Fireworks – Concert will restart after fireworks to encourage a slow exit

Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that NJ Transit will help by running back to back trains or double length trains. They have also assigned 5 officers to assist the Township.

Assistant Administrator Sahol reviewed which streets would be posted for NO PARKING. The signs will be posted on Friday and effective the day of the event. Council Vice President Ryan feels that the residents impacted should be notified sooner. A memo will be hand delivered to the residents.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook stated that there were some drainage issues after last Friday evening's heavy rain. He will report next week on the areas of major concern. There is one area in which he is obtaining cost estimates.

Assistant Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Mr. Guzzi received an updated plan from Brandow today. He will distribute to Mayor and Council for discussion at next Wednesday's meeting.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Baldorossi questioned the status of the new gazebo for Roebling Park. Assistant Administrator Sahol reported that it is on order but has not come in yet. He will contact the supplier and report back to Council.

Council Member Garganio stated his concerns regarding the entrance/exit to Amoco. When the diesel trucks exit the lot onto Cedar Lane, they block off both lanes of Cedar Lane. Once the school site is built it will create more problems. Administrator Brook will contact Amoco to install proper signage to keep this from happening. He will also notify the County of the problem since it is a County road.

Council Member Sandusky is pleased that the safety helmet program for the kids has been implemented.

Council Member Sandusky asked that administration contact Florence Tollgate and inquire if the township could start a swimming program for the township children. Mayor Muchowski suggested, if Florence Tollgate doesn't work, to contact the Burlington YMCA.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Vice President Ryan stated that she received a call from a resident with a complaint regarding another resident operating a business out of their home. She then called Administrator Brook and within the hour he and Tom Layou visited the home personally and handled the situation. Council Vice President Ryan complimented Administrator Brook for being so response to residents that file complaints.

8:45 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to adjourn meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:45 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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